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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:
Ceremony of Investiture
of
Hon. M. Jane Brady
As an Associate Judge of the
Superior Court

PRESIDING:
HON. JAMES T. VAUGHN, JR., PRESIDENT JUDGE
Superior Court of Delaware

SITTING:
HON. RANDY J. HOLLAND, JUSTICE
Supreme Court of Delaware

HON. RICHARD R. COOCH, RESIDENT JUDGE
Superior Court of Delaware

ALSO PRESENT:
CARL DANBERG, ESQUIRE
Attorney General

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December 7, 2005
New Castle County Courthouse
3:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

As noted.

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THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this special session commemorating the investiture of M. Jane Brady as Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware.

Please remain standing for the invocation by Bishop Michael A. Saltarelli of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. Bishop Saltarelli.

BISHOP SALTARELLI: Loving God, on this happy day, in this joyful season, we ask your blessing on Jane Brady as she is installed as Superior Court Judge.

We ask that you give her a true spirit of right judgment in all matters that will come before her, and give her the courage necessary to fulfill her duties and her responsibilities with the same determination and strength that has distinguished her up to this moment.

1 May she fulfill the hopes of those who have
2 entrusted this sacred office to her. May she know of
3 our support as she accepts this goal to serve our people
4 and our State. This we pray. This we ask in Your Most
5 Holy Name. Amen.

6 JUDGE VAUGHN: Thank you, Bishop Saltarelli.
7 Please be seated.

8 Let me begin today by introducing those who
9 are seated with me on the Bench. To my right is Justice
10 Randy J. Holland of the Supreme Court of Delaware; to my
11 left is Resident Judge Richard R. Cooch of the Superior
12 Court of Delaware; to the left of Resident Judge Cooch
13 is where Superior Court Judge M. Jane Brady will be
14 seated soon. In the jury box are the Superior Court
15 Judges with robes on for this special session of the
16 Court.

17 The Court recognizes the many members of
18 Judge Brady's family who are present today, and, in
19 particular, her husband, Mickey Neal; her parents, Bill
20 and Edie Brady; her brothers and sisters, Bill Brady,
21 Tim Brady, Denise Woods, Susan Sekscinski, Ken Brady and
22 Jim Brady; also Mickey's brothers and sisters, Ree
23 Faries, Peggy Neal, Frank Neal, Timmy Neal and Patty
24 Carney; and also Jane's numerous nieces and nephews,
25 cousins and other members of the family who are here

1 with us today.

2 The Court also welcomes the members of the
3 Delaware General Assembly who are present, other elected
4 and appointed public officials, the members of the
5 Delaware Judiciary and the Bar, and Jane Brady's many
6 friends, including those who will speak today and I will
7 introduce shortly.

8 To all a warm and special welcome to the
9 Superior Court. I would now like to recognize the
10 Booker T. Washington Elementary School chorus for the
11 singing of "Our Delaware."

12 (The Booker T. Washington Elementary School
13 chorus sang the song "Our Delaware.")

14 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: Well, thank you
15 very much, all the members of the chorus and the
16 director and the musician. Thank all of you for singing
17 our State song for us on this Delaware Day.

18 We're here today to commemorate the
19 beginning of Jane Brady's career as a member of the
20 Superior Court, our State's general jurisdiction Trial
21 Court. The proceeding is one of investiture where the
22 historical robing is a special ceremony of significance
23 and public commitment under oath.

24 The robe itself is a symbol of impartiality
25 and the Judge's solemn duty to administer equal justice

1 on behalf of the people we serve.

2 It is now my pleasure to ask the Honorable
3 Randy J. Holland to administer the oath of office.
4 Jane's husband, Mickey, will hold the Bible and Jane's
5 parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brady, will then assist with the
6 robe.

7 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Ma'am, are you prepared to
8 take the oath of office? I'll State your name and then
9 repeat after me:

10 I, Jane Brady...

11 JUDGE BRADY: I, Jane Brady...

12 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Do proudly swear...

13 JUDGE BRADY: Do proudly swear...

14 JUSTICE HOLLAND: To carry out the
15 responsibilities...

16 JUDGE BRADY: To carry out the
17 responsibilities...

18 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Of the Office of Associate
19 Judge of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware...

20 JUDGE BRADY: Of the Office of Associate
21 Judge of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware...

22 JUSTICE HOLLAND: To the best of my
23 ability...

24 JUDGE BRADY: To the best of my ability...

25 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Freely acknowledging...

1 JUDGE BRADY: Freely acknowledging...

2 JUSTICE HOLLAND: That the powers of this
3 office...

4 JUDGE BRADY: That the powers of this
5 office...

6 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Flow from the people...

7 JUDGE BRADY: Flow from the people...

8 JUSTICE HOLLAND: I am privileged to
9 represent.

10 JUDGE BRADY: I am privileged to represent.

11 JUSTICE HOLLAND: I further swear...

12 JUDGE BRADY: I further swear...

13 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Always to place the public
14 interest...

15 JUDGE BRADY: Always to place the public
16 interest...

17 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Above any special or
18 personal interest...

19 JUDGE BRADY: Above any special or personal
20 interest...

21 JUSTICE HOLLAND: And to respect the
22 right...

23 JUDGE BRADY: And to respect the right...

24 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Of future generations...

25 JUDGE BRADY: Of future generations...

1 JUSTICE HOLLAND: To share the rich,
2 historic...

3 JUDGE BRADY: To share to rich, historic...

4 JUSTICE HOLLAND: And natural heritage of
5 Delaware.

6 JUDGE BRADY: And natural heritage of
7 Delaware.

8 JUSTICE HOLLAND: In doing so...

9 JUDGE BRADY: In doing so...

10 JUSTICE HOLLAND: I will always uphold and
11 defend...

12 JUDGE BRADY: I will always uphold and
13 defend...

14 JUSTICE HOLLAND: The constitutions of my
15 country and my State...

16 JUDGE BRADY: The constitutions of my
17 country and my State...

18 JUSTICE HOLLAND: So help me God.

19 JUDGE BRADY: So help me God.

20 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Congratulations.

21 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: The particular
22 judicial office which Judge Brady enters today was
23 created in 1972 when the Court was expanded from nine to
24 11 members.

25 It was first occupied by Judge, and later,

1 Justice Joseph T. Walsh who served on the Superior Court
2 until 1984. When he was succeeded by Judge Brady's
3 immediate predecessor, Judge Richard S. Gebelein.

4 Before recognizing today's speakers, I would
5 like to warmly welcome Jane to the Superior Court. She
6 brings impressive credentials to the Court from her
7 years of experience as Attorney General, Deputy Attorney
8 General, Chief Prosecutor and private practitioner. Her
9 qualifications and experience make her fully deserving
10 of the honor which the Governor and the Senate have
11 conferred upon her.

12 Jane and I have been friends, personal as
13 well as professional, for many years. Jane became a
14 member of the Delaware Bar in 1977, only one year after
15 me, after which we were both young lawyers in the Dover
16 legal community until Jane's career with the Attorney
17 General's Office took her to New Castle County, then
18 back to Kent, and then to Georgetown.

19 I know that she and I will have no trouble
20 at all working very well together in our relationship as
21 colleagues on the Superior Court. I also know that Jane
22 has the compassion and the sense of fairness that this
23 job requires.

24 Among professional occasions when Jane and I
25 have been together, I recall, for instance, a program

1 event at the Delaware Correctional Center not long ago
2 where I saw firsthand her sincere concern for the
3 inmates' welfare as she spoke with them and their
4 counselors.

5 On many other occasions I have observed Jane
6 to be a person who cares deeply about people and their
7 efforts to overcome the problems they face. I'm
8 confident that litigants who appear before her will find
9 that Judge Brady listens carefully to their cause and
10 administers justice and equity under the law.

11 I predict she will be an excellent Superior
12 Court Judge and a distinguished member of the Delaware
13 Judiciary. Each of us on the Superior Court look
14 forward to working with Jane as our newest colleague.

15 I would now like to invite Dr. James R.
16 Soles, retired professor of political science of the
17 University of Delaware, to give his remarks.

18 DR. SOLES: Thank you, Judge Vaughn, Justice
19 Holland, Judge Cooch and Judge Brady. Each Judge is
20 unique. Each of them brings to their role and
21 responsibilities things that differentiate them from
22 every other Judge. So this is not a cookie-cutter job.
23 This is a job where the values, the life experiences,
24 the family experiences, all of the professional
25 experiences come to bear. And each individual who

1 becomes a Judge takes those to the Bench with her or
2 him.

3 So Jane today, as she becomes Judge Brady,
4 takes with her the values she has had instilled by her
5 family and her friends, by her colleagues and the people
6 she has worked with. She takes not only those values,
7 she takes her religious faith with her, because that,
8 too, informs our minds and our actions.

9 She takes with her the personal concern that
10 she has expressed in so many ways during the years as
11 she has been Attorney General. I invite you in any
12 group of citizens of Delaware to mention Jane Brady and
13 they will mention a good cause with which she has been
14 associated.

15 Since the Governor's appointment, I have on
16 three occasions mentioned that I knew Jane and in each
17 instance people said, Oh, she works with us in... And
18 the most frequent one, Jane, was the work you have done
19 with cancer victims and to help raise funds and see that
20 they are cared for.

21 So she brings with her, as Judge Vaughn
22 said, that compassion. She has spent untold hours
23 working to see that people have a better life than what
24 they have had. I sometimes think that Jane works a good
25 48 hours a day, and that's before she goes home, and she

1 does it. Occasionally, I'll see her look a little
2 tired, but I never hear her complain.

3 Now, that wasn't true of course during her
4 years at the University when she may have had occasion
5 to complain about extraordinarily heavy workloads that
6 some professors handed out.

7 But one thing I think underlines Jane's
8 career and her character and her person and that is her
9 fairness. If you ever disagree with Jane, and probably
10 all of us have at some time or another, certainly some
11 members of her family have, you have to admit that she
12 is fair. She treats everyone alike. And I have
13 watched, during the years she has been Attorney General,
14 you may not have always agreed with her, but no has ever
15 been able to say that Jane Brady has not treated
16 everyone equally and fairly and the same. And I think
17 that is the highest recommendation that an individual
18 can have that goes to the Bench as she has today.

19 I think also no one can doubt Jane's
20 commitment to the law. For some people, and I won't
21 name names, the law is a way of making a living. To
22 Jane, it has always been the highest calling that she
23 could imagine. From the time she was 18 -- ten years
24 ago -- until today she has been committed to the law and
25 to the values that it embraces, to the kind of society

1 that a government of laws embrace. And as she assumes
2 the Bench she brings with it that same commitment to the
3 law and to justice.

4 We need today to thank her mother and father
5 for raising her as they did, for producing the fine
6 young woman that she became, for encouraging her and
7 standing beside her. And we need to thank her husband,
8 too, because none of us who are married achieve much in
9 this society unless we walk with a spouse who we share a
10 great marriage with and we share goals and our lives
11 with. And those, one's parents, one's spouse, make the
12 biggest differences in what we are able to accomplish in
13 our life.

14 And if we are as determined and as set upon
15 goals as Jane can be, with those kind of values and that
16 support, she certainly will have achieved much in her
17 life. But I believe that as she ends one era, she
18 begins the greater era of her service to our State. I
19 think she, in the years to come, as other people occupy
20 the particular position that she has assumed today
21 that's been held by Justice Walsh in the past, that
22 people will point proudly to the fact and say, I
23 occupied a seat in Superior Court that Jane Brady once
24 had.

25 Thank you very much.

1 THE COURT: Thank you, Dr. Soles.

2 Our next speaker is Carl Danberg, Esquire,
3 of the Department of Justice. Very soon Mr. Danberg
4 will become the Honorable Attorney General of the State
5 of Delaware.

6 Congratulations, Carl.

7 MR. DANBERG: Good afternoon, Justice
8 Holland, President Judge Vaughn, Judge Cooch, Judge
9 Brady. I have had the opportunity to call her
10 adversary, friend, boss. This one is special. I think,
11 I'm going to call her Judge Jane, though.

12 President Judge Vaughn, do you think she
13 could have a TV show?

14 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: I'll have to think
15 about that one.

16 MR. DANBERG: I am honored and pleased that
17 Judge Brady has asked me to speak today. I discovered
18 myself lately, as Judge Vaughn has mentioned, that it is
19 difficult to ask people to speak on your behalf. Jane,
20 in particular, finds it uncomfortable to have people
21 compliment her. Today, I'm going to join with the
22 others in making her particularly uncomfortable, if I
23 can.

24 In preparation for today, I spent some time
25 thinking and meditating, and, frankly, praying on my

1 view of what makes a good Judge. Time permitting, I
2 would tell you about Jane's wonderful skills, her
3 exceptional writing ability. Most Delawareans have
4 heard her tremendous skills in speaking, her meticulous
5 use of words and how she is best under pressure. But in
6 my view, for our children, for ourselves, and certainly
7 for our court, character is what is important.

8 In talking about Jane, I would like to
9 emphasis three things about her character that above all
10 else I believe will make her an exceptional Judge. They
11 are: Her love of the law, her work ethic and her great
12 compassion.

13 First, as you have heard already, Jane does
14 have a great love and respect for the law. There are
15 stories of Jane -- and pardon me for telling -- but
16 there are stories of Jane going into the law library as
17 a young attorney, Justice Holland, I think, has even
18 caught her pulling out -- she didn't have a case, she
19 was pulling out a Digest simply to review case law. She
20 didn't have a case she had to find, she simply loves the
21 law.

22 I have had the privilege of working for two
23 individuals during my career who have always tried to
24 figure out what was the right thing to do. Without
25 exception, over the past year and a half working with

1 Jane, when difficult issues faced us, Jane pulled her
2 senior staff together and asked one question: What is
3 the law? For Jane, the law, not politics, not personal
4 interest, the law dictated the answer.

5 She was never more frustrated then when
6 Malcolm Cobin, our State Solicitor, would tell her,
7 Jane, I can't find anything, because for Jane, the law
8 always provided an answer and she would always seek that
9 answer.

10 In the coming years when Judge Brady is
11 faced with difficult decisions affecting our livelihoods
12 and perhaps our lives, Delaware can be confident that
13 Judge Brady will honor the law. Her love of the law
14 will allow nothing less.

15 Secondly, Judge Brady simply works harder
16 than any person I have ever known. I have worked for
17 some very good people in my lifetime. Very privileged
18 to have worked for some very good people in my lifetime,
19 I know of no one who works harder.

20 Jane has been known for years as a tireless
21 campaigner. I can tell you from personal experience she
22 brings that same effort every day to the office. She
23 works long hours, hours that I cannot keep up with and
24 few people can. It is common in our office to laugh, to
25 discuss about the fact that we have received e-mails

1 from her at 4:30 in the morning and it is quite a
2 regular occurrence.

3 Last year I had the opportunity to visit
4 Jane when she was on vacation and I found out why. Jane
5 gets up long before light and spends several hours
6 working, even when she's on vacation, several hours
7 working before the rest of the family gets up, and then
8 she goes about her business. So what she calls a
9 vacation is four or five hours of work and then the rest
10 of the day having fun.

11 Judge Brady's love of the law, together with
12 her work ethic, will allow her to master any issue that
13 comes before her. And I venture to guess that she will
14 be better prepared than many an attorney that comes
15 before her and woe to that attorney. I certainly hope
16 never to be that person.

17 Third, and you have heard it referenced
18 already, third is Judge Brady's compassion. She has a
19 great heart. I have come to know that heart during the
20 last few years. We all know how Judge Brady has worked
21 tirelessly on behalf of victims in the State of
22 Delaware.

23 She has been the champion for changes of our
24 laws, champion for changes to our Constitution. She has
25 formulated changes to the Department of Justice office

1 policy, all to address the needs of victims.

2 Senator Venables tells a story of how
3 Attorney General Brady drove through the night from
4 Connecticut while she was on vacation to come back to a
5 parole hearing because a victim was so concerned that if
6 Jane wasn't there, the perpetrator of the terrible crime
7 would be released, and Jane was there for that victim.
8 She made a personal emotional investment in the cases
9 she handled so that, years later, victims still call her
10 and write her and send their appreciation.

11 Even as Attorney General, she was always
12 willing to meet with victims directly and hear about
13 their pain. Within our office, Jane's motto was always
14 fairness. She frequently pushed Steve Wood to make sure
15 the young prosecutors knew that she expected them to
16 exercise good judgment and to treat defendant's fairly
17 and equitably. But overall, the overriding issue was
18 compassion, compassion towards the victims, compassion
19 towards the defendants.

20 And you heard earlier today Judge Vaughn
21 expressing his views concerning her appearance at the
22 Delaware Correctional Center and her treatment of
23 defendants. The defendants and the victims alike who
24 appear before her in the State of Delaware will hear
25 someone that treats them fairly, firmly and with great

1 compassion when they come before Judge Brady.

2 I'd like to conclude with a brief story.
3 Judge Brady knows this story well. It's one of the
4 great ironies of my life how Judge Brady's life and mine
5 are intertwined. Many of you have heard this story, but
6 I think it's an important one to tell because it gives
7 great insight into Judge Brady's character and what she
8 feels is important.

9 As many of you know, I used to work for
10 Senator Joe Biden, and when I was working for Senator
11 Biden, a young attorney by the name of M. Jane Brady was
12 his 1990 senatorial campaign opponent. I was in a very
13 visible role in that campaign and saw Jane at many of
14 her campaign speeches and public appearances, and, in
15 fact, attended all three of her County announcements,
16 microphone in hand.

17 Four years later, I was a young Deputy
18 Attorney General with no employment rights in the
19 Department of Justice. I could be fired for any reason
20 whatsoever. And my new boss was M. Jane Brady. I
21 prepared my resume. Shortly after her coming into
22 office, she summoned me to her office, which I knew what
23 was happening. I knew I was being fired. I was so
24 certain of it that I was absolutely shocked when she
25 started out the conversation asking about my mother and

1 asking me about the business of the office.

2 I actually -- she still laughs about it to
3 this today. I actually asked her, Are you sure you know
4 who I am? And she knew who I was. And in her typical
5 straightforward way, Jane said, Stop. Work hard. Give
6 me the same loyalty that you gave to Senator Biden, and
7 we will have no problems. And she said, Now, let's move
8 on. And we have.

9 And now you are moving on, Jane, to the
10 Superior Court. And I'm going to have to read this
11 because I'm having trouble now.

12 Your love of the law and dedication to
13 service have taken you to great heights and will
14 continue to do so. There's an English saying that
15 "Quality will out." And I don't believe that's true. I
16 think that the appropriate saying is "Character will
17 out." Jane Brady's character will carry her through
18 whatever she faces in the coming years. And what we
19 will find is that Delaware has another exemplary Judge.

20 JUDGE BRADY: Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: Thank you,
22 Mr. Danberg. And, again, congratulations, good luck in
23 your new job.

24 MR. DANBERG: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: I would now like to

1 recognize Justice Holland for his remarks.

2 JUSTICE HOLLAND: Thank you, President Judge
3 Vaughn, Judge Brady, Judge Cooch, distinguished
4 colleagues on the Bench, members of the Bar, and friends
5 and family of Jane Brady. It's a distinct pleasure for
6 me to be here this afternoon. And I had the opportunity
7 to swear in Judge Brady three times as the Attorney
8 General. It was an honor to swear her in as a Judge of
9 the Superior Court, and I'll predict I'm not done. I
10 think her future is very bright.

11 Today she is joining a very distinguished
12 Court. President Judge Vaughn mentioned a little bit of
13 its history. It really appeared first in the Delaware
14 Constitution in 1831; and I know that is special to
15 Judge Brady because that Constitution was drafted by
16 John M. Clayton of Sussex County, who then went on to
17 become the Secretary of the United States, and Judge
18 Brady is particularly proud of her Sussex County
19 connections.

20 You have heard a lot of talk about her
21 character, and I think what's striking for a person who
22 has been in public office for so many years is the fact
23 that Judge Brady is just a humble person who does so
24 many things and does them in a way that doesn't call
25 attention to herself, and she doesn't seek recognition,

1 and she's embarrassed by recognition.

2 She was the first woman Attorney General and
3 she was very successful, but before that, she practiced
4 law in all three counties. And it's almost not an issue
5 today to note that she's a woman. She's joining many
6 female colleagues on the Superior Court and on other
7 Courts in Delaware. But it's really through pioneering
8 efforts of hers and others that went before her that
9 it's become a nonissue.

10 And when we admit the new people to the
11 Delaware Bar this Friday, we will be admitting more
12 woman than men. But it really is something that Judge
13 Brady contributed to in her distinguished career as a
14 Deputy Attorney General.

15 And Judge Brady has also been active
16 nationally. And many of you don't know what she's been
17 doing nationally, but she's been doing it in a quiet,
18 effective way, leading in the Attorney General's
19 Association and leading for victim's rights on a
20 national basis.

21 She has been very active locally and
22 particularly professionally. I have worked with Judge
23 Brady for many years in the local chapters of the
24 American Inns of Court. They are dedicated to civility,
25 professionalism, legal excellence and ethics. And

1 despite her schedule, the reason that she has 48 hours
2 in her day, as Professor Soles mentioned, is because she
3 has time for her commitments and she takes them
4 seriously. And no matter where she was or what the
5 other demands on her time would be, she would frequently
6 show up at the meetings of the American Inns of Court
7 because those principles were important to her.

8 But I think what's most remarkable and
9 what's most unknown is what Judge Brady has done for the
10 community. You have heard a little bit about her work
11 with cancer patients. And she was remarkable in her
12 efforts to let children who were hospitalized for a
13 prolonged period of time get computers so they could
14 talk to each other.

15 For years she spent countless hours working
16 with Kent-Sussex industries, primarily located in
17 Milford, that helps people with a variety of
18 disabilities and handicaps, and she's done that year in
19 and year out in a very quiet way.

20 She's worked with children in many ways as a
21 mentor. Now, I think you realize that today she's a
22 Judge and she won't be able to practice, but she does
23 have a few more court appearances to make. And I'm
24 reluctant to tell the children this in the Christmas
25 season, but she will be returning as a prosecutor

1 tomorrow morning, and of all things, she'll be
2 prosecuting Santa Claus, because she will be reprising
3 her role in Miracle on 34th Street. And I think that's
4 a case that she's happy to lose day after day, and she's
5 very happy that Santa Claus will prevail. But it's
6 indicative of the personal commitment she's made to
7 children.

8 And it also relates to her commitment to
9 law-related public education. I mentioned she was a
10 pioneer and she was instrumental in getting law-related
11 public education started in Delaware. She personally
12 formed a corporation, got a distinguished board of
13 directors, and went into the schools and into the
14 community to educate people about the law, how it works,
15 and how democracy really takes place within our State.

16 It's a tribute to her tireless efforts year
17 after year in sponsoring the mock trial competition in
18 the State of Delaware, that in two years, the national
19 mock trial competition will be held in the State of
20 Delaware. And I have no doubt that Judge Brady will be
21 one of the judges.

22 Today Judge Brady joins a Court that I can
23 say without qualification is recognized as the number
24 one Court in the United States, and it has been for the
25 last four years, by the United States Chamber of

1 Commerce.

2 Now, frequently we hear things about the
3 Court of Chancery, and it's a very distinguished Court
4 that I would take nothing away from, and we hear about
5 the other Courts in this State, but if you look at the
6 ratings of the National Chamber of Commerce and you look
7 at what they have done in the last four years, what they
8 really have singled out is the work of the Judges that
9 you see sitting in the jury box who have been conducting
10 jury trials and doing other matters in a way that has
11 been perceived around the country as the best judicial
12 system in the United States.

13 I think you're all to be congratulated for
14 that. And I think that as Judge Brady joins that Court
15 today, she is committed to maintaining those same high
16 standards.

17 It is no coincidence that we're here today
18 on Delaware Day, December 7th, because that's the day
19 when Delaware became the first State and ratified the
20 Constitution of the United States. You heard Judge
21 Brady take an oath to support that Constitution and the
22 Constitution of the State of Delaware.

23 December 7th was a good day to start the
24 country, and it's a good day to start Judge Brady's
25 tenure as a Judge of the Superior Court.

1 Congratulations, and welcome to the Delaware
2 Judiciary.

3 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: Thank you, Justice
4 Holland.

5 It is now my privilege to call upon our new
6 Superior Court Judge for her greetings.

7 JUDGE BRADY: Thank you, Judge Vaughn, and
8 thanks for your kind remarks earlier.

9 Thank you to my now officially former Chief
10 Deputy and successor Carl Danberg. You have been given
11 a great honor with the position you have been appointed
12 to, and I am so pleased that you have the opportunity.
13 You have served me and the office well as Chief Deputy
14 and are an excellent choice for Attorney General. I
15 wish you all the best.

16 And to Jim Soles, who has known me for over
17 30 years, I asked him to speak because I just wanted to
18 be sure he was okay with this decision. There are many
19 of us all over the State that check with him when we
20 make big choices about our career, just to be sure they
21 are the right ones; and all of you out there know who
22 you are. He understood immediately why I selected today
23 to hold this event because he knows how much Delaware
24 and history mean to me.

25 Thank you to the Booker T. Washington

1 Elementary School chorus. Let's give them another hand,
2 they are just so great.

3 I wanted my family and my peers, new peers,
4 the Bar and the Bench, to be part of this, but I wanted
5 children to be a part of this as well because so much of
6 what I have done in my career has been to try and
7 improve the lives of young people and to be a role model
8 for them. And I was thrilled when my deep secret
9 connections to the Booker T. Washington School, my three
10 sisters-in-law sitting over on the side here, were able
11 to make this happen, so I'm glad to have them here.

12 And thank you, Justice Holland, for once
13 again sharing a special day with me and your very nice
14 comments. Justice Holland, as he mentioned, has been
15 very gracious in swearing me in all three terms as
16 Attorney General, and I could think of no one else that
17 I wanted to have swear me in today.

18 Justice Holland and I -- as Carl Danberg
19 mentioned, I'll never forget the night that I was in the
20 law library at about 8 o'clock on a Sunday night in
21 Sussex County, and I was reading the General Digest. I
22 was busted. But he was working too, and so he was
23 busted. So we sat and chatted for a few minutes, and it
24 was a special moment.

25 And I have always respected your competency

1 and your work ethic as well. Thank you.

2 I knew we would get a history lesson from
3 him and I was not disappointed.

4 First, in addition, I would like to thank
5 the Governor and the Senate of the State of Delaware for
6 giving me this opportunity. I will strive to assure
7 that their confidence in me is well-founded in the work
8 that I do on this Bench.

9 I want to thank the other members of the
10 Bench and the Bar who have attended. In my tenure, I
11 will surely rely on you on many occasions to make sure
12 that I try and do the best job that I can for the
13 citizens of Delaware, and I know that I will be able to
14 go to you and count on you.

15 And welcome to my Delaware Day celebration.
16 This has always been a special day for me, and when it
17 fell within the time period of 30 days from the date
18 that the Senate confirmed me, I just had to pick today
19 to take the Bench.

20 208 years ago today, Delaware became the
21 first State to ratify the Constitution and started this
22 great nation of ours. And my Delaware Day celebrations
23 actually go back to when I was in fourth grade and I
24 volunteered my father to come in, and with me, we would
25 make a presentation to my class on Delaware history and

1 the significance of this date.

2 Now, who knows what job my dad held or what
3 his other commitments were or what he knew about
4 Delaware Day at that time, but what fourth-grader cares
5 about that? All I do know is that he came to my class,
6 we made a presentation, and I will never forget that
7 special moment.

8 Those of you who know me well know how
9 important my family is to me. I'm fortunate to have my
10 husband, Mickey, my parents, all of my brothers and
11 sisters, their spouses, Mickey's brothers and sisters
12 and spouses, and many other family members with me
13 today, including Jessica, a young lady that I mentor.
14 It makes any achievement very special to be able to
15 share it with those who have made the success possible.

16 I credit my parents with all that I have
17 accomplished. They taught me honesty and perseverance
18 and gave me my work ethic. Actually, being the oldest
19 of seven, they not only gave me my work ethic, they kind
20 of imposed it upon me. And I suppose it's from them
21 that I adopted the principle that "You only fail if you
22 don't try."

23 And I have certainly challenged myself in my
24 time, but this honor is a tribute to them for not tiring
25 when the way was difficult, for providing guidance and

1 direction in times when there wasn't that much time to
2 spare, and for giving the extra that it took to make a
3 difference in the lives of each of us.

4 I love you dearly.

5 There are others, of course, who have helped
6 along the way. Mickey is my biggest supporter and my
7 greatest asset. He has allowed me to pursue all of
8 every objective I have ever attempted, and has never,
9 well almost never, complained.

10 Thank you for all that you have given me.

11 Some other people here today have known me
12 since I was a child, not just my immediate family, but
13 my friends from school, both elementary and high school,
14 are here, my parents' friends, aunts, cousins, current
15 and former coworkers. They have seen me triumph and
16 fall, picked me up and pushed me along the path.

17 Thank you all for that and for coming today
18 and sharing this moment with me.

19 There are some who are not here today with
20 whom I would have liked to share this moment: My
21 Great-Aunt Muriel Dean, known affectionately as Min,
22 would have gotten a real kick out of this, she was that
23 kind of girl. My first secretary, Fran Pyatt, and
24 Colonel Turner who was the Chief Prosecutor in Kent
25 County when I started in 1977 as a prosecutor.

1 Ms. Jones, my fourth grade teacher at Smyrna Elementary
2 School, who first encouraged me to become an attorney.
3 And, of course, my grandmother with whom I lived with
4 for a number of years. I have made no stride in my
5 career without thinking of them.

6 There are many who have helped me in this
7 process to become a Judge and I deeply appreciate their
8 support and advocacy. I am honored to have had so many
9 people I deeply respect and admire give up their time
10 and talent to assist my application for this position.

11 I would be remiss if I didn't thank the
12 citizens of Delaware for their support in allowing me to
13 serve the past 11 years as their Attorney General,
14 especially those who worked tirelessly going
15 door-to-door and up and down parade routes handing out
16 brochures and stickers. It has been a great honor and I
17 will always treasure the time that I spent in that
18 office.

19 As I look forward, I am struck by how
20 fortunate I am to have been truly blessed in my career,
21 holding multiple positions and service to the law that I
22 love, as a litigator for over 16 years, as advocate and
23 policymaker for over 11 years, and now to have the
24 opportunity to contribute to the law as a member of the
25 Bench.

1 For those who associate me solely with
2 politics, and I acknowledge many people first heard of
3 me when I sought elective office, becoming a Judge may
4 seem like an odd choice for me to make, but I have
5 always had a career in the law. It is my first love and
6 longest endeavor, and I am truly pleased to be in a
7 sense returning to the law. I look forward to mastering
8 new concepts and exploring complex and challenging
9 issues.

10 Often in these speeches famous people are
11 quoted. When it first became public that I applied for
12 this position, a woman told me something that her
13 grandmother had told her, so I'm going to quote that
14 grandmother, who said, "The opportunity of a lifetime
15 lasts only as long as the lifetime of the opportunity."

16 For the past several months I have
17 considered that opportunity to be the possibility of
18 serving as a Judge. I have modified my perspective,
19 however, and now see that the next 12 years is how long
20 my newest opportunity lasts. I intend to give it the
21 same passion, effort and zeal that I have given each of
22 the opportunities that I have had in my lifetime.

23 It is with great excitement and anticipation
24 that I am pleased to join the Bench of the Delaware
25 Superior Court.

1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, please remain standing.

4 I would like to thank Jane for her comments.
5 Congratulations and best wishes, Jane.

6 JUDGE BRADY: Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: I would now like to
8 recognize the Reverend Oscar Frundt who is the Chaplin
9 of the Delaware State Police who will do the
10 benediction.

11 REVEREND OSCAR FRUNDT: Good afternoon
12 everybody.

13 Jane, congratulations, blessings.

14 Mickey, even though you were my altar boy,
15 I'll never hold that against you.

16 Let us pray.

17 Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon
18 all of us gathered here tonight. I entrust St. Francis
19 to you, Jane, who said, Lord, make us an instrument of
20 Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
21 injury, pardon; and doubt, faith; and injustice,
22 justice.

23 And you will do very well, Jane. I have
24 known you a long time and you're a great girl.

25 And let us also bow our heads and say a

1 prayer for our military. I see many of our Air Force
2 here today. Especially let us pray for those of our
3 veterans in State Police, we have many, and many other
4 citizens who are serving now.

5 Let us pray for them and those who are
6 deceased that God will give them peace, light and
7 happiness, and for those who return, that He may return
8 them home safely and keep them under his care.

9 And, finally, may the Lord bless us and keep
10 us, may His face shine upon us, and may He be gracious
11 to us. We ask You this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12 PRESIDENT JUDGE VAUGHN: Thank you, Chaplin.

13 Ladies and gentlemen, this concludes the
14 Special Session of the Superior Court of Delaware. You
15 are all welcome to greet Judge Brady at a reception out
16 in the 8th floor lobby.

17 Court is now adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, the investiture of Judge M. Jane
19 Brady concluded.)

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